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MEMORANDUM FOR: David D. Gries
Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, CIA

FROM:

Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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SUBJECT: Requested Comments on Congressional Briefing Book

REFERENCE: Memo "Readings in Intelligence" for New Members
of Oversight Committees dated 30 January 1987

Dave

1. We have reviewed the subject notebook as you requested. I certainly think you have a good idea, and that an unclassified reference might be particularly valuable for the new Members as they assume their oversight duties. I think they will find the DIC Glossary particularly valuable.
2. One overriding observation I would make is that, despite its value, the book is too big; its sheer size may provide a disincentive to any Member's willingness to work through it. For that reason, you may wish to give the Committee staff one complete copy and make an effort to give the Members themselves an abbreviated version of the notebook. That would allow the Committee staff to pull out appropriate sections as background reading during the course of the year when specific issues arise; in this case, the book would still serve the intended purpose, perhaps even more effectively.
3. Perhaps because of where I sit and because I had the impression that you intended this as a primer on intelligence and the Intelligence Community, the book has too much of a CIA flavor. In this regard, the "Collection" section might usefully be edited to one article on each of the basic disciplines. Also, I am not sure it is necessary for us to offer an article on "Congressional Oversight;" if retained, you might want to balance it with one of the many articles on this subject by Members of Congress.
4. By way of other comments, I think it would be worthwhile to include a copy of Executive Order 12333 (and any commentary that might be available on that document) and Executive Order 12537 (on the PFIAB). You might also include a copy of your glossy publication The Intelligence Fact Book, or excerpts therefrom. "Covering the Waterfront" seems to me a good general piece on some important trends in the intelligence business, and perhaps it might be worthwhile to set-aside a separate section in the book on this subject.

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5. I hope you find the foregoing comments constructive and useful. I would also offer to help in this process with a desk-side briefing that I have used before with new Members. It can be tailored anywhere from a fifteen-minute- to an hour-long briefing depending upon their interest and reaction.



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Attachment:
Subject Briefing Book

30 January 1987

NOTE FOR: See Distribution

FROM: Dave Gries

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SUBJECT: Official Use Only "Readings in Intelligence" for New Members of Oversight Committees

Part of promoting good Congressional relations is demystifying the world of Intelligence for inexperienced members of Congress. The attached compilation of unclassified excerpts from the public literature is an attempt to meet that need. Where I have been able to locate fairly rich public sources, I believe the need has been met; where the literature is lean, however, this collection still does not adequately explain intelligence community activities. Some supplemental, unclassified material may be required.

Please examine those portions pertinent to your responsibilities. I would appreciate your views regarding:

- ° Whether the material is appropriate for distribution to Members;

- ° Whether there are superior selections available in the public literature;

- ° Whether some of the selections should be deleted or further edited; and

- ° Whether you have any additional suggestions to improve this product.

Among some of the obvious deficiencies of this collection are some of the selections under ANALYSIS AND PRODUCTION. The DDI has agreed to prepare a number of unclassified pieces to improve those categories. Other directorates which consider their sections weak may wish to do the same. is looking for several DCI speeches that would strengthen the section headed FUNDAMENTALS.

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